

**Marton Parish Council**  
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at  
7.30 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at the School.

1. Attendance:
  - a. In attendance; John Ryland (Chair)(JR), David McGowan (DM), Lucy Nixon (LN)
  - b. Clerk, Andrew Simpson (AS)
  - c. Apologies for absence from; Sue Webborn (SW), Sue Platt (SP), Barrie Nolan (BN), Clr Leslie Smetham (LS), Juilia Short (PCSO)(JS)
2. Minutes: Accepted and approved.
3. Matter Arising:
  - a. It was noted that UU were very slow to remove 'Road Closed' signs, which was a nuisance. This may be a sub contract and poor communication but was nevertheless annoying. JR will raise with LS and UU
  - b. UU have still not completely resolved the water leaks it appears.
4. Footpaths:
  - a. Nothing new to report.
5. PCSO Report:
  - a. The latest report could not be opened, technical issue, AS will circulate if resolved.
  - b. A brief discussion about the speeding issue.
6. Planning:
  - a. Marton Meadows Golf Club;
    - i. 21/6443M Extension to include landfill. Still not decided.
    - ii. 21/5311M Two new Houses; updated application not decided, Council responded as still oppose.
    - iii. 21/4440M driving Range. It was agreed that the residents affected could now be contacted and invited to report any issues; this can be done via a 'Google Forms'  
<https://forms.gle/gEXAuRKd5pfBo54q8>
    - iv. 21/6404M Messuage Farm camping pods; not decided.
    - v. 21/2017M Church Farm (back of church) conversion to hotels permitted under permitted development rights.
    - vi. 21/4824M Cherry Barrow farm garage extension; approved.
    - vii. Cherry Barrow Farm soil tipping; waiting for enforcement. JR to refer back to LS asking if this can be prioritised as risk of further events.
    - viii. 1 Oak Lane has now been approved.
    - ix. Cherry Tree Cottage Garage; a discussion about a letter from a neighbour about tree removal (not expected on original application. JR will contact owner (Nick Hill) to discuss.
    - x. A general discussion about delays in planning, planning enforcement and other delays at CE. JR agreed to ask LS for a meeting with appropriate leaders to discuss.

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7. Environmental Plan;
  - a. Wilding of the Village green; this area now needs tidying for the autumn. JR to discuss how and when.
  - b. Costing of further extension of Wild Flowers along A34 needs further discussion.
8. School Liaison;
  - a. Nothing to report.
  - b. School has delivered £50.00 towards planters. AS to confirm with thanks.
  - c. Bell ringing for Funeral was well received.
9. Village Maintenance;
  - a. The litter pick did not proceed, reschedule for April unless a problem arises.
  - b. The caravan apparently dumped in the layby, A34, has been removed by CE.
  - c. There is some fly tipping on School Lane (builders rubble) AS to report via we site.
  - d. JR to highlight to LS concerns about an increase in fly tipping following the closure of Congleton Tip.
  - e. Planters and furniture in Spinney; A working party on Sunday, 1.00 pm JR to arrange AS to notify village list for further volunteers.
  - f. The final Village sign is included in the above.
  - g. JR suggested that the improvements to the Village Green circle be linked to the pending Coronation (expected early summer 2023).
10. Welcome Pack.
  - a. Note the new residents due on Oak Lane.
11. Highways;
  - a. The grit bin has been refilled.
  - b. The mirror at School Lane/Oak Lane should be fitted in work party (item e above).
12. Finance;
  - a. The latest accounts were presented.
  - b. Approve the publication of the AGAR report as required. Agree a charge of £5.00 for copies.
  - c. Approve the adoption of the Liability insurance quote from Zurich insurance.
  - d. Approve expenditure of £50 towards tree thinning, The Spinney.
13. Chair report;
  - a. JR has attended an MIA liaison group meeting.
  - b. Eaton Quarry liaison; the quarry will almost certainly be extended further towards Marlon, but probably not over the parish boundary.
  - c. The Fibre Broadband project to extend the coverage in rural areas has been postponed as a result of a change in government policy. AS to email Mr Booth, Cocks Moss Lane with an update.
  - d. ANSA bus service. AS to forward the thread to LN to members.

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- e. Hulme Wallfield and North Rode have both contacted the council re 'Excellent new signs' asking for guidance. DM has responded, Chair thanked DM for his efforts on signs.

14. Other Matters;

- a. Replacement for Clerk; AS to write to other local councils and repeat advert in HAL.
- b. A discussion took place on a replacement councillor. JR will follow up.

15. Proposed Dates of next Meetings:

- a. Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022.
- b. Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
- c. Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (Village Meeting).
- d. Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (AGM and Parish Council).
- e. Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
- f. Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
- g. Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023.